

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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GYPSA HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT
Kashyap Shri Virender

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government proposes to prepare a detailed project report in respect of Gypsa Hydro-Electric Project jointly with the Government of Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Union Government has received any proposal from Himachal Pradesh for grant of financial assistance for the project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) & (b) On a request from Government of Himachal Pradesh for arranging release of funds for survey, investigation and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Gypsa H.E. Project, Chairman, Central Water Commission (CWC) suggested that the State Government and CWC could work together for preparation of DPR with funding from CWC and man power support from the State Government, as it would not be possible to release or reimburse funds for the preparation of the report by the State Government alone or by a third party. Further, joint working would be cost effective and within the funds sanctioned to CWC for investigation and preparation of DPR. HPSEB has however conveyed its view to engage some reputed international consultants/ firms to prepare the DPR of the project.

(c) & (d) HPSEB has further indicated that the total estimated amount (Rs.32.5 crore) for preparation of DPR would not be required in single instalment but would be phased out and submitted to CWC. However, the requisite source of funding the preparation of DPR is not available with the Central Government at present

The project has been included as a National Project, due to which funding will be available for execution of irrigation and drinking water components for the project, after the DPR is made, it is techno-economically cleared and investigation clearance by Planning Commission is also accorded.